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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was barely steady to weak. No trading of whole birds was reported. Offerings were light but fully sufficient for the lackluster demand. Parts and meats trading was seasonally slow. Most observing the upcoming major holiday with shortened working schedules. Demand light with adequate offerings.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a small volume of tom drums and full-cut wings, balance inactive. Demand was light with adequate offerings.

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FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	81-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	81-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	81-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	80-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	81-82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 DECEMBER 2005.

The market tone on rib breasts was at least steady going into the holidays, white meat steady to barely steady. Demand seasonally slowing with some buyers waiting until the new year before assessing needs. Offerings of rib breasts light and spotty, white meat adequate to ample. Trading slow to instances moderate with activity centered on tom drums for export. For domestic: tom drumettes 30, tails 32, fresh thigh meat 99 delivered January, 2006, plant grade basted 16-18 lb. breasts 162, plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 165 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 36.50, breeder hen drums 37, fresh tom breast meat 254 cents delivered.

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DOMESTIC TRADING				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	121.00	7
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	16
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	37.00-39.00		38.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	38.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	31.34	61
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	42.37	167
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	117.00	20
NECKS, TOM		F	38.78	184
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	263.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	255.00		255.00	120
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	94.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	163.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	110.00		110.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	195.00		195.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	230.39	224
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	70.11	106
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00-38.00		37.35	228
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	31.00		31.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	98.00	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-89
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	84-89

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-139

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DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	122.00-123.00		122.43	560
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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/21/05

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITE	BREEDS
2004-2005			
2003-2004		Data Unavailable	